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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding to Address S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(1) and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(2) (Promulgation and Periodic Review of Standards for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Generating Facilities to an Electrical Utility's Distribution and Transmission System)

Docket No. 2019-326-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing on behalf of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC"), regarding its Application for approval of Appendix DESC SC to the South Carolina Generator Interconnection Procedures.<sup>1</sup> DESC filed its Application for approval on January 12, 2022. In its Application, DESC explained that its proposed Definitive Interconnection Study Process ("DISP") "is a multiphased process that occurs on an annual basis." Specifically, the DISP consists of the following steps: (1) an Interconnection Request window; (2) cluster formation including a Customer Engagement Window; and (3) a cluster system impact study process, consisting of Phase 1, Phase 2 and, if necessary, Phase 3 studies.

DESC explained that, as part of the DISP, the Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study ("DISIS") Request Window will open annually on **April 1st**.<sup>2</sup> The first DISIS Request Window is proposed to open on April 1, 2023. However, DESC proposed in its Application to first provide a transitional study process in 2022 to facilitate the move to the DISP. In order for DESC to complete its transitional study process, DESC requested the Public Service Commission of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All defined terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Application proposes that the DISIS Request Window would remain open for 150 Calendar Days.

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South Carolina (the "Commission") issue a directive on DESC's Application on or before March 27, 2022, to be followed within 30 days by a final order.

On February 24, 2022, the Commission issued a directive approving DESC's Application. However, DESC has not yet received a final order from the Commission. DESC is unable to proceed with the proposed transitional study process until it receives a final order from the Commission. DESC respectfully requests the Commission issue a final order on or before Wednesday, May 4, 2022, so that DESC may proceed with its transitional study process in 2022 and subsequently meet the proposed DISIS date of April 1, 2023.

Very truly yours,

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cc: (Via Electronic Mail)
All Parties of Record